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Art Unit: 1649 )	METHODS
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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This communication is in response to the office action dated February 5, 2009, concerning the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Sequence chromatograms are attached as Appendix A.

 $\label{eq:Declaration of Andre T. Baron} \ \text{is attached as Appendix B.}$